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Ninth Meeting

Summary record of the second part* of the 15th meeting
Held at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 10 February 2003, at 3 p.m.

Temporary Chairperson: Mr. Ndiaye (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chairperson: Mr. Wenaweser ..... (Liechtenstein)

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The meeting was reconvened at 3.10 p.m.

Election of 13 members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (*continued*) (CRC/SP/33 and Add.1-4)

1. **Mr. Ndiaye** (Representative of the Secretary-General) said that as a result of an error in preparing the Chairperson's notes for the morning meeting, one of the candidates, Ms. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta (Gambia), had been announced as nominated by Guinea. He apologized for the error and drew attention to Ms. Ndong-Jatta's curriculum vitae, contained in document CRC/SP/33, which correctly stated her nationality.

2. **The Chairperson** joined the representative of the Secretary-General in apologizing for the error and said that the Secretariat had received a letter of protest from the Permanent Representative of the Gambia.

3. He recalled that since only 10 candidates had obtained the required majority, a second ballot, restricted to the 6 candidates who had obtained the next largest number of votes, would be held to fill the remaining vacancies on the Committee on the Rights of the Child, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure.

4. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	182
Number of valid ballots:	182
Number of members voting:	182
Required majority:	92
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Norberto Liwski (Argentina)	111
Ms. Awa N'Deye Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso)	109
Ms. Rosa Maria Ortiz (Paraguay)	92
Ms. Velina Todorova (Bulgaria)	79
Mr. Awich Pollar (Uganda)	78
Ms. Judith Karp (Israel)	56

5. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Liwski (Argentina), Ms. Ortiz (Paraguay) and Ms. Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

6. **The Chairperson** announced that in accordance with the decision taken at the morning meeting concerning the procedure to be followed during the first election following the entry into force of the amendment to article 43, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the terms of four of the newly elected members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child would expire at the end of two years. The terms of the nine other members would expire at the end of four years, and all terms would begin on 1 March 2003.

7. *The Committee decided by the drawing of lots that Ms. Aluoch (Kenya), Ms. Lee (Republic of Korea), Ms. Smith (Norway) and Ms. Vuckovic-Sahovic (Serbia and Montenegro) would serve for a two-year term.*

Closure of the Meeting

8. **The Chairperson** declared the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.